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1. DDR Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl's speech of 6 October 1951 was revised four times in Karlshorst before final approval. The Russians specifically demanded reference in the speech to the planned release of 20,000 Russian Zone prisoners. It is felt that the initiative still lies with Bonn. The Russians will have Grotewohl make a speech in about four weeks, outlining his views on a peace treaty for all of Germany. 25X1C
2. Georg Dertinger remarked after Grotewohl's 10 October 1951 statement to the Volkskammer, "This is the end. I do not believe in this campaign for all-German elections any more". On 11 October 1951, when he was shown articles appearing in the Western press reporting the United States to be in favor of a United Nations commission to investigate the possibility of all-German elections, Dertinger is reported to have exclaimed, "We did not count on that."

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4. Otto Nuschke told August Bach at a recent session of the CDU Political Committee that if the CDU adopts Marxism he will resign as party chairman.* 25X1C

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* Comment: The slogan of "Christian Realism", to be announced as the new CDU slogan at the next party convention to be held at Meissen on 21-22 October 1951, is the next to the last step to open adoption of the Marxist platform by the CDU.

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